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APPLICANT(S): Tchernev *et al.*

APPLICATION NO: 10/072.012

EXAMINER: Not yet assigned

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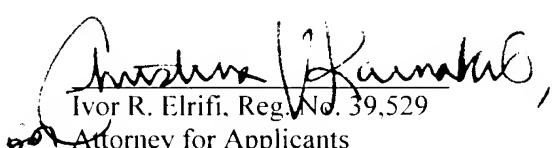
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) mailed February 19, 2003 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before June 19, 2003. Please note that this application is now entitled to small entity status. As such, Check No. 16526 in the amount of \$205.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-258 (Cura-558). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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